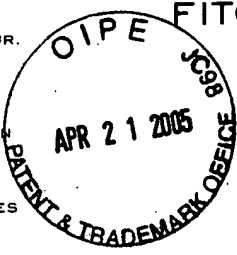


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Dear Sir:

The following documents are being submitted for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Species Election Requirement;
2. Second Preliminary Amendment;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
4. Return postcard.

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Total Claims Fee	17	20=	0	\$ 50.00	0.00
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